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### **Success Triangle Conference Spotlights Partnerships Between Schools, Colleges and Businesses to Help Students Succeed**

*The Success Triangle: High School, College and Work* is the theme of a first-ever statewide conference sponsored by the New Jersey Department of Education's Office of Vocational-Technical, Career and Innovative Programs.

Secondary and postsecondary administrators, faculty members, counselors and business industry representatives will converge in Trenton tomorrow at the Lafayette Yard Marriott for a day-long program on how high school educators, college faculty and administrators, and potential employers can develop successful partnerships for students.

"A key element in our mission is to ensure that all students have multiple and diverse opportunities to succeed," said Commissioner of Education William L. Librera. "We want to create different paths for success based on research that clearly concludes that students learn at different rates and can be motivated to learn in a variety of ways. This conference is designed for those who have been frustrated with a 'one size fits all' approach to learning."

The conference will provide participants with four sets of concurrent sessions on:

- Information necessary to develop new credit-based transition programs;
- Opportunities to hear national speakers discuss topics related to credit-based transition programs that promote academic achievement and prepare students for postsecondary education and the workforce based on scientific research results;
- Skills necessary to develop program assessments; and
- Information identifying the challenges that educators face in promoting a smooth transition for students from secondary and postsecondary education.

Willard Daggett, Ed.D., president of the International Center for Leadership in Education, will deliver keynote remarks on the topic "Successful Schools - What Makes Them Work." The conference will also include other national and local speakers who will discuss related topics.

High schools and community colleges and universities will be invited to highlight their programs of study, and outreach programs related to credit-based transition programs will also be recognized in poster sessions. Schools and programs to be highlighted are:

- The **Gramon School**, a private school for children with exceptional needs, of Fairfield, New Jersey;
- Gloucester County Vocational-Technical Institute;
- Brookdale Community College
- Camden County College

#### **Outreach Programs**

- New Jersey Statewide Transfer Initiatives
- Foster and Adoptive Family Services

NOTE: Coverage by the news media is invited and encouraged. For a conference agenda, visit the following Web-site:

[www.nj.gov/njded/cte/successtriangle/](http://www.nj.gov/njded/cte/successtriangle/)